

# DOCTOR • WHO

## THE SNAG FINDERS

### PART ONE

IT IS THE YEAR 3769, AND **SPACE STATION ALPHA** IS UNDER CONSTRUCTION. WHEN COMPLETED, THE STATION WILL BE THE LARGEST EVER ARTIFICIAL SATELLITE IN ORBIT AROUND PLANET EARTH.

IT HAS TAKEN AN ARMY OF ENGINEERS, CONSTRUCTION WORKERS AND ROBOTS OVER FIVE YEARS TO BUILD, WORKING IN THE AIRLESS VACUUM OF SPACE TO HARNESS THE VERY LATEST MATERIALS AND TECHNOLOGY.

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STOP! I THINK  
WE'VE HIT A  
SNAG.

IT SAYS THERE  
SHOULD BE A  
WASTE OUTLET  
PIPE HERE. I  
CAN'T SEE ANY  
WASTE PIPE,  
CAN YOU?

NOPE.

IT SAYS *RIGHT*  
*HERE*, MATE,  
LOOK. *WASTE*.

WASTE OF TIME,  
MORE LIKE!

PAH! I CAN'T BELIEVE  
WE'VE BEEN REDUCED TO  
*THIS* - SNAG FINDING IN  
THE *LOWER BLOCKS*.  
WE SHOULD BE ON THE  
*EXECUTIVE LEVEL*.

CHEER UP, MATE. AS  
SOON AS I'VE MADE  
ENOUGH CREDITS TO GET  
MY *ARM FIXED*, WE'LL  
BE BACK UP ON THOSE  
TOP LEVELS AGAIN.

YOU THINK? *BIONIC RIVET*  
*GUNS* DON'T COME *CHEAP*,  
JIMMY. HOW MANY HOURS  
SNAG-HUNTING WILL IT  
TAKE TO EARN *THAT*  
KINDA DOUGH?

ANYWAYS, WHY  
DO WE ALWAYS  
HAVE TO -  
KZZKZZK!

HEY, MATE,  
WATCH OUT  
FOR THE...

...THRUSTER  
DUCT!

SQUWWWWWWKK!





AWW! I DON'T BELIEVE IT!  
A GENUINE  
**TECHNOMATIC  
WELDING ROBOT!**

HEY, DON'T  
**APOLOGISE.**  
YOU GUYS ARE  
PART OF THE  
REASON I'M  
HERE.

COME  
AGAIN?

YEAH, YOU LOT -  
**HUMAN BEINGS**  
AND THEIR CHEEKY  
**ROBOT PALS,**  
BUILDING AN **EMPIRE**  
STRETCHING ACROSS  
THE GALAXIES!

...AND YOU  
**TECHNOMATICS** ARE THE  
BEST **CONSTRUCTION  
ROBOTS** EVER INVENTED.  
I'M THE **DOCTOR**, BY THE  
WAY. HOW D'YOU DO?

KKZZZKKZZK! SORRY,  
MATE - ANTIGRAVS  
WENT OFFLINE FOR A  
MO. KZZRRK!

ZZZKK!  
OOF!  
GZZZRRK!

CLANNNNNG!



I'M **WELDING BOT  
X-5**, BUT MY MATES  
ALL CALL ME **BERT.**  
KZZKKK!

ARE YOU OK? YOU  
DON'T **SOUND** TOO  
GOOD, IF YOU DON'T  
MIND ME SAYING.

GGZZZRRRK! IT'S  
NOTHIN' - JUST A  
LOOSE CONNECTION IN  
MY **RZZZZZZKKKK!**



HERE, LET'S HAVE  
A LOOK. MAYBE I  
CAN - OOF!

KKZZZKKK!  
GRZZK!

HEY - STEADY  
ON, BERT! COME  
BACK!



WHOA! HOLD  
ON! MY FOOT'S  
CAUGHT!

ZZZZK!

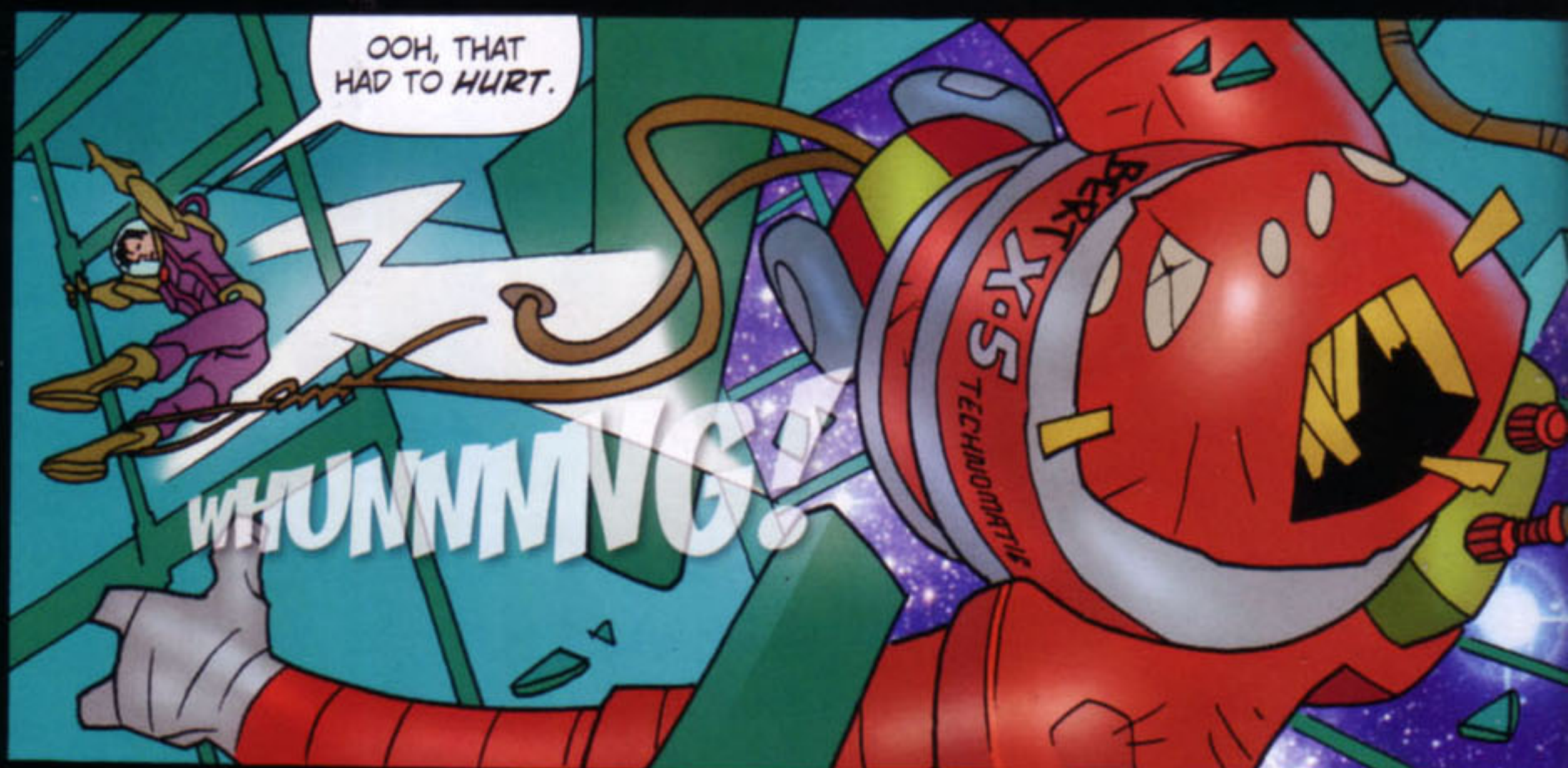




OI, BERT! SLOW  
DOWN BEFORE  
YOU GET ME...



...KILLED!



OOH, THAT  
HAD TO HURT.

WHUNNNING!



HEY! WHAT'S  
GOIN' ON? WHAT  
ARE YOU DOIN'  
TO MY PAL?

TRYING TO STOP  
HIM KILLING ME.  
YOUR WELDING  
BOT'S JUST GONE  
BANANAS.

NO WAY -  
BERT WOULDN'T  
HURT A FLY.



SOMETHING'S INTERFERING  
WITH HIS OPERATING SYSTEM.  
SOME KIND OF ROGUE  
COMMUNICATIONS SIGNAL  
BY THE LOOKS OF IT.

VRMMMMMM!

HE WAS FINE A  
MINUTE AGO.

WHAT ARE YOU DOING  
HERE, ANYWAY? YOU'RE  
NOT SUPPOSED TO BE  
IN A CONSTRUCTION  
AREA WITHOUT PROPER  
AUTHORISATION.  
WHO ARE YOU?

HULLO - YOU MUST BE  
BERT'S PARTNER. WELL, I'M  
THE DOCTOR AND I FIND  
AUTHORISATION A VERY  
OVER-RATED CONCEPT.

BUT IT CAN HAVE ITS USES.  
TAKE THIS SIGNAL, FOR  
STARTERS. IT'S SCRAMBLED  
POOR BERT'S ELECTRONICS AND  
IT'S BEING BROADCAST ON A VERY  
UNAUTHORISED WAVELENGTH.  
I WONDER WHY?

JIMMY



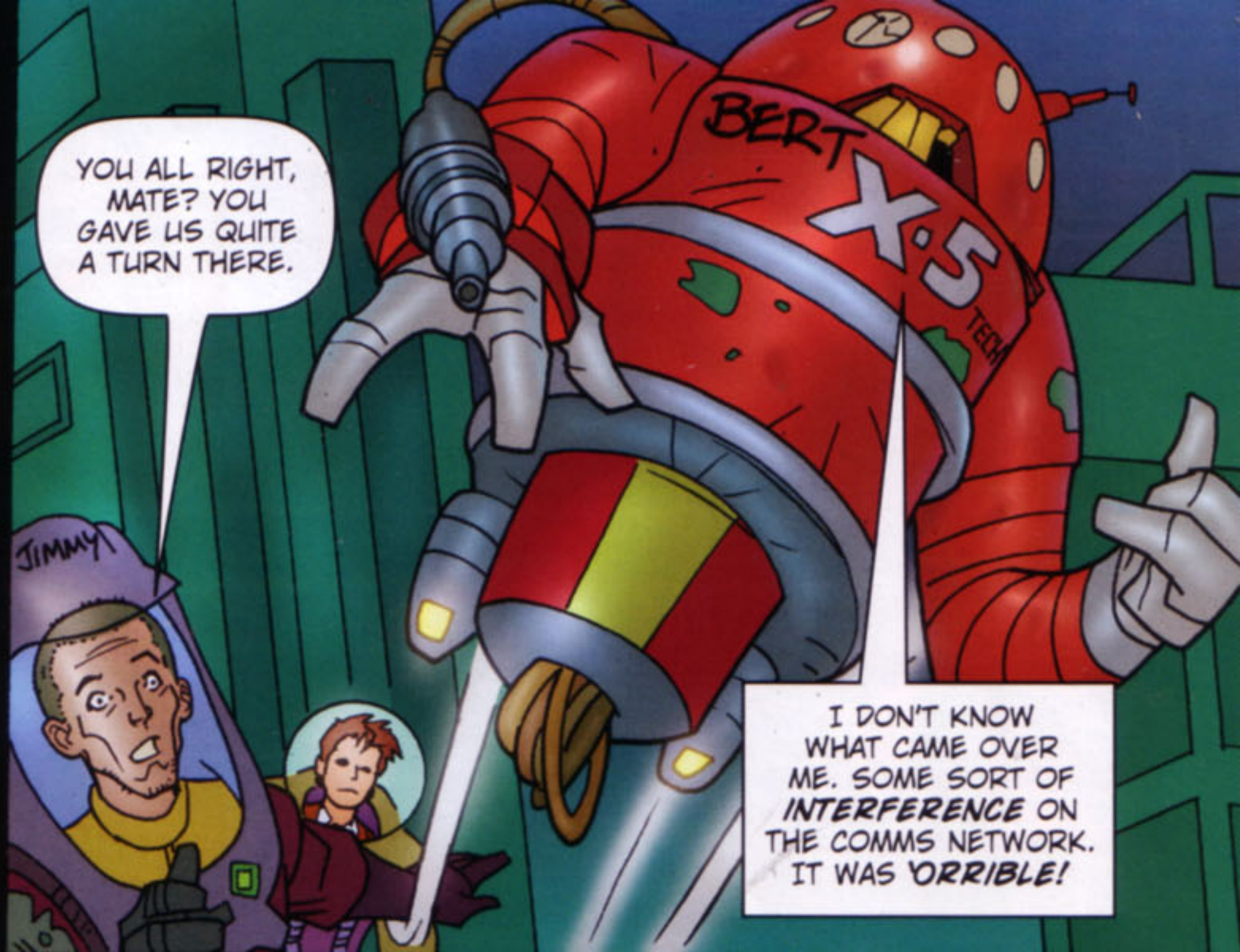


THERE - I'VE  
TAKEN YOUR SIGNAL  
RECEPTORS OFFLINE.

VREEEEE!

THAT SHOULD  
SETTLE YOUR  
CIRCUITS FOR THE  
TIME BEING.

KZZZRKK!  
YIKES! OUCH!



YOU ALL RIGHT,  
MATE? YOU  
GAVE US QUITE  
A TURN THERE.

I DON'T KNOW  
WHAT CAME OVER  
ME. SOME SORT OF  
*INTERFERENCE* ON  
THE COMMS NETWORK.  
IT WAS *ORRIBLE!*



IT'S BEING TRANSMITTED ON  
A *SECRET CHANNEL*. FANCY  
FINDING OUT *WHY?*

MAYBE WE  
SHOULD REPORT  
IT *FIRST*.

NAH - *INVESTIGATE*  
FIRST, THEN REPORT.  
OTHERWISE WE WON'T  
KNOW WHAT WE'RE  
REPORTING, WILL WE?



THIS WAY - THE  
SIGNAL'S COMING  
FROM THE *WASTE*  
CONTAINMENT  
BLOCKS.

DOES HE HAVE  
AUTHORISATION?

HE FINDS IT AN  
*OVER-RATED*  
CONCEPT, MATE.

OH.

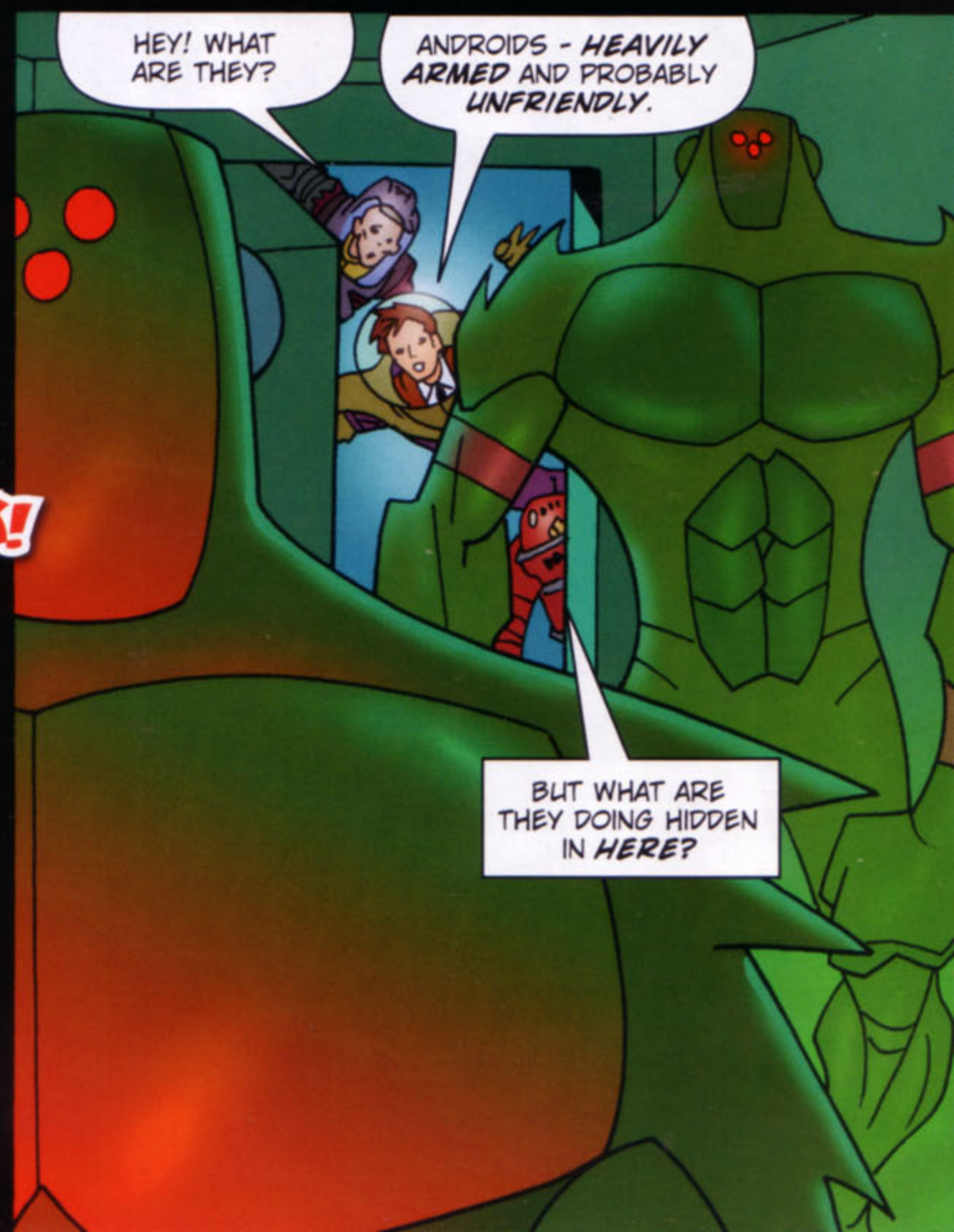


BLOCK  
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VREEEEE!

KRLUNK!

ELECTROMAG  
LOCKS! EASY-  
PEASY!



HEY! WHAT  
ARE THEY?

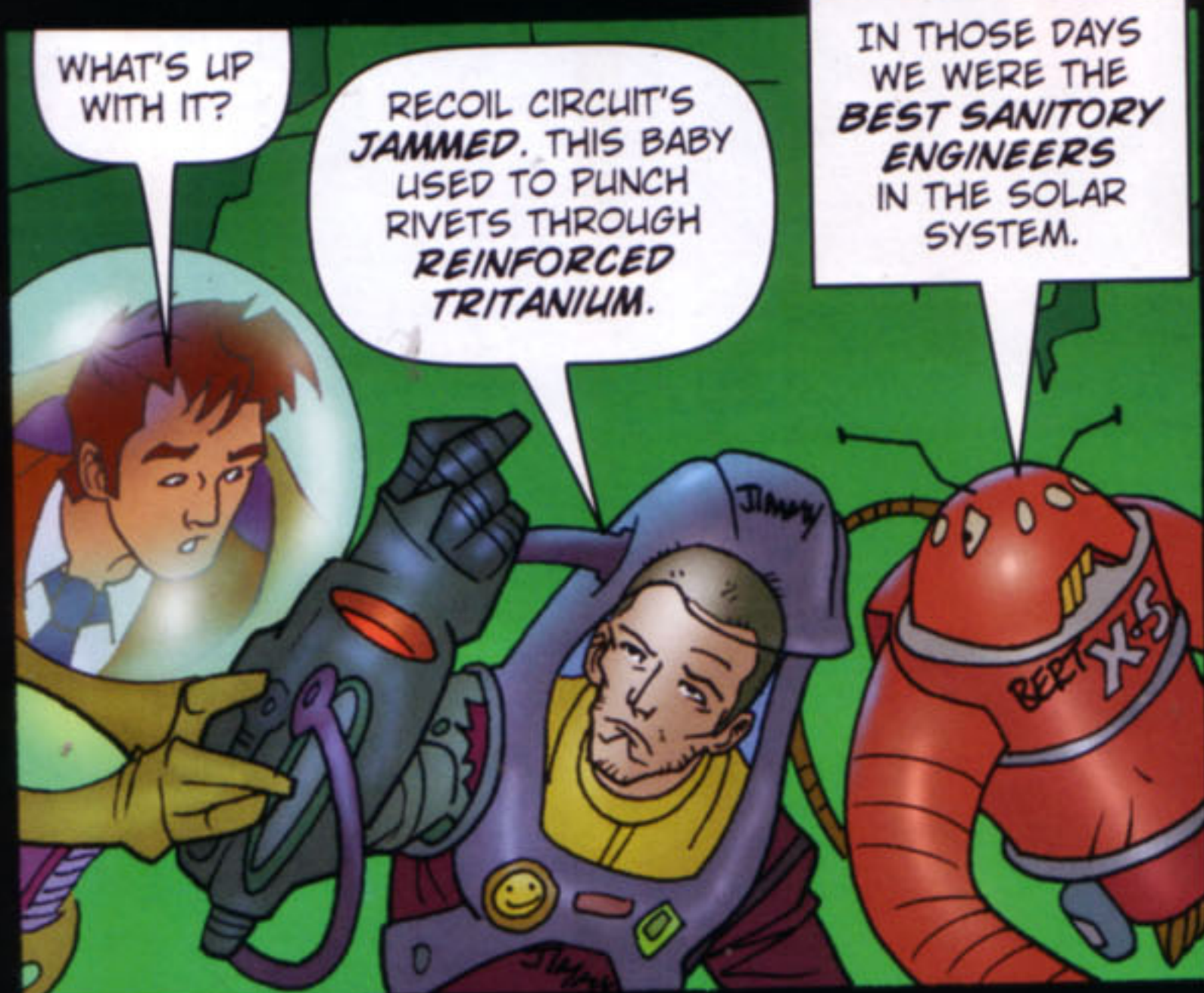
ANDROIDS - *HEAVILY*  
*ARMED* AND PROBABLY  
*UNFRIENDLY*.

BUT WHAT ARE  
THEY DOING HIDDEN  
IN *HERE?*









WHAT'S UP WITH IT?

RECOIL CIRCUIT'S **JAMMED**. THIS BABY USED TO PUNCH RIVETS THROUGH **REINFORCED TRITANIUM**.

IN THOSE DAYS WE WERE THE **BEST SANITARY ENGINEERS** IN THE SOLAR SYSTEM.



I'LL GET IT FIXED ONE DAY, MATE, I **PROMISE**.

YEAH, SURE - AND ONE DAY I'LL BE A **K-CLASS BUILDER BOT**, AND NOT JUST A **STUPID WELDER**.

DON'T GIVE UP ON YOUR **DREAMS**. YOU NEVER KNOW WHEN THEY'LL COME IN **USEFUL**.

HANG ON. THERE'S SOMETHING DOWN HERE - RIGHT AT THE **BACK...**



WHAT WOULD BE **LURKING** IN THE DARK AT THE BOTTOM OF A **SEPTIC TANK**?

OOOPS. I THINK I'VE **FOUND** IT...

...AND IF YOU THOUGHT **SNAG-HUNTING** WAS BAD, WAIT TO YOU SEE **THIS ONE**.

DO YOU WANT ME TO **SPELL** IT OUT?



**REMOVE** THAT ABOMINABLE LIGHT, **BIPED!**

WHAT ARE YOU DOING HIDING AWAY DOWN HERE?

I AM THE **KLYTODE!** YOU ACTIVATED MY **GUARD ANDROIDS** TOO SOON - BUT I AM **READY!**



READY FOR **WHAT**?

READY TO **DESTROY** PLANET **EARTH!**

**EEEEEEEEOOOOOWWWWWW!**  
DON'T MISS PART TWO IN THE NEXT ISSUE!